

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY.

(Friday, February 23, 1917.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m.,
pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called and the following
members were present:

Baker.	Lee.
Beard of Harris.	Lindemann.
Beard of Milam.	Low.
Beasley.	of McMullen.
Beason.	Low.
Bedell.	of Washington.
Bell.	McComb.
Bertram.	McCoy.
Blackburn.	McDowra.
Blackmon.	McFarland.
Blalock.	McMillin.
Bland.	Meador.
Bledsoe.	Mendell.
Boner.	Metcalfe.
Brown.	Miller of Austin.
Bryan.	Miller of Dallas.
Bryant.	Monday.
Burton of Rusk.	Moore.
Burton of Tarrant.	Morris.
Butler.	Murrell.
Cadenhead.	Neeley.
Canales.	Neill.
Carlock.	Nichols.
Cates.	Nordhaus.
Clark.	O'Banion.
Cope.	O'Brien.
Cox.	Osborne.
Crudgington.	Parks.
Davis of Dallas.	Peddy.
Davis of Grimes.	Pillow.
Davis.	Poage.
of Van Zandt.	Pope.
Denton.	Raiden.
Dodd.	Reeves.
Dudley.	Richards.
Dunnam.	Robertson.
Estes.	Roemer.
Fairchild.	Rogers.
Fisher.	Russell.
Fitzpatrick.	Sackett.
Fly.	Sallas.
Greenwood.	Sentell.
Haidusek.	Schlesinger.
Hardey.	Schlosshan.
Harris.	Scholl.
Hartman.	Seawright.
Hawkins.	Sholars.
Hill.	Smith of Bastrop.
Holland.	Smith of Hopkins.
Hudspeth.	Smith of Scurry.
Johnson.	Spencer of Nolan.
Jones.	Spencer of Wise.
Laas.	Spradley.
Lacey.	Stewart.
Laney.	Strayhorn.
Lange.	Swope.
Lanier.	Taylor.

Templeton.	Upchurch.
Terrell.	Valentine.
Thomas.	Veatch.
Thomason	Walker.
of El Paso.	White.
Thomason	Williams
of Nacogdoches.	of Brazoria.
Thompson	Williams
of Hunt.	of McLennan.
Thompson	Williford.
of Red River.	Wilson.
Tillotson.	Woods.
Tilson.	Woodul.
Traylor.	Yantis.
Tschoepe.	Absent—Excused.

Bagby.	Peyton.
De Bogory.	Tinner.
Florer.	Wahrmund.
Martin.	

A quorum was announced present.
Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C.
Mitchell, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted
leaves of absence on account of impor-
tant business:

Mr. Peyton, for today and tomorrow,
on motion of Mr. Cope.

Mr. Fitzpatrick, for yesterday, on mo-
tion of Mr. McMillin.

Mr. Bagby, for today and tomorrow,
on motion of Mr. Mendell.

Mr. Florer, for today, on motion of
Mr. Osborne.

The following member was granted
leave of absence on account of sickness:

Mr. De Bogory, for today, on motion
of Mr. Smith of Scurry.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced
today, were laid before the House, read
severally first time, and referred to the
appropriate committee, as follows:

By Mr. Dudley (by request):

H. B. No. 753, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend Article 1912 of the
Revised Civil Statutes of the State of
Texas, 1911, so as to provide for a
change of venue in civil cases, where
the judge of the court in which a cause
is pending is interested, or prejudiced,
or is related to either party, or has
been of counsel in the cause, and to
enact a new article to be known as Ar-
ticle 1912a."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in
Civil Procedure.

By Mr. Fairchild:

H. B. No. 754, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2814 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, so as to confer upon the State Superintendent of Public Instruction the authority, upon satisfactory evidence being presented, to reinstate a teacher's certificate theretofore canceled by him and giving right of appeal to State Board of Education."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Neill:

H. B. No. 755, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a special road law for Eastland county."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. McFarland:

H. B. No. 756, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1178, Chapter 4, Title 15, of the Revised Code of Criminal Procedure of Texas of 1911, relating to the compensation of county attorneys who represent the State in cities of over thirty thousand and under forty thousand population according to the United States census of 1910 and represent the State in misdemeanor cases in corporation courts thereof; placing cities of over five thousand and under forty thousand population according to the United States census of 1910 under the provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Mr. Tilson:

H. B. No. 757, A bill to be entitled "An Act to fix the time of holding the courts in the Sixth-fourth Judicial District of Texas; to validate all process, bonds and recognizances heretofore taken in the courts of said district and all judgments therein rendered, or to be rendered; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Mr. McMillin:

H. B. No. 758, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing individuals, partnerships and corporations to exchange among themselves, by and through a duly appointed attorney in fact, reciprocal or interinsurance contracts; providing indemnity against any loss which may be insured against in this State, excepting life insurance; provid-

ing certain conditions to be complied with precedent to the issuance of certificates of authority by the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking to any attorney, solicitor, agent or other representative of any such reciprocal or interinsurance exchange, and fixing a fee for such certificates; providing for a bond to be filed with and approved by the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking, and requiring reports to be made of the business transacted by such reciprocal or interinsurance exchanges; providing penalties for violation; repealing all laws and parts of law in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Harris:

H. B. No. 759, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal the special road law for Fayette, Uvalde and Frio counties enacted by House bill No. 240 by the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Texas, together with all amendments thereto, in so far as the same applies to Uvalde county, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Spradley, it was ordered that House bill No. 750 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Beard of Milam, it was ordered that House bill No. 740 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Lange, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 234 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Metcalfe, it was ordered that House bill No. 744 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Dallas, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 13 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Templeton, it was ordered that House bills Nos. 748 and 749 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Beason, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 246 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Neeley, it was ordered that House bill No. 747 be not printed.

PROVIDING FOR HANGING PICTURE.

Mr. Stewart offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The group picture of the new members of the Second and Third Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature is standing on the floor of the House; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to have said group picture hung on the wall above the block picture of the Thirty-third Legislature.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

Mr. Stewart moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

CONCERNING RELATIONS WITH MEXICO.

Mr. Beard of Harris offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The government of the United States has again resumed friendly relations with the government of Mexico, and has designated an ambassador to said government; and

Whereas, There are in the State of Texas a number of distinguished and worthy citizens of our sister republic as well as a number of American citizens who have large property holdings in Mexico; therefore be it

Resolved, That we request our State Department at Washington to instruct our ambassador in the city of Mexico to use his good offices in behalf of these unfortunate people to the end that their property rights in Mexico may be respected and preserved by the government of Mexico.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

Mr. Beard of Harris moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO VISIT PRISON FARMS.

The Speaker laid before the House the report of the committee to visit the State prison farms, which was read and which was adopted by the House. (See Appendix for report in full.)

BILL RE-REFERRED.

On motion of Mr. Fly, House bill No. 121 was withdrawn from the Committee

on Commerce and Manufactures and referred to Committee on Agriculture.

BILL SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof, and its caption had been read, the following enrolled bill:

H. B. No. 7, "An Act to amend Article 7805, of Chapter 1, of Title 130, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, relating to the issuance of permits to foreign corporations, and declaring an emergency."

HOUSE BILL NO. 118 ON SECOND READING.

(Special Order.)

The Speaker laid before the House, as a special order for this hour, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 118, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make an appropriation to cover authorized deficiencies for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1916, and to cover authorized deficiencies for a portion of the fiscal year ending August 31, 1917, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

On motion of Mr. Spradley, by unanimous consent, further consideration of the bill was postponed until 10 o'clock a. m. next Friday, March 2.

SPECIAL ORDER SET.

On motion of Mr. Cope, House Joint Resolution No. 1 was set as a special order for 10 o'clock a. m. next Tuesday, February 27.

Mr. Cope moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was set as a special order and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 108 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Metcalfe, the House called up from the Speaker's table, for consideration at this time, on its passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 250, A bill to be entitled "An Act supplementing the act creating a Live Stock Sanitary Commission for the State of Texas as defined and described in Article 7312, Revised Civil Statutes, and providing for the further protection of the live stock industry of Texas against all malignant, contagious and infectious or communicable diseases; this act to be cumulative of the act creating a Live Stock Sanitary Commission,

as provided for in Article 7312, Revised Civil Statutes; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill having been laid upon the table subject to call on Friday, February 16.

The Speaker then laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading, for consideration in lieu of House bill No. 250, the Senate bill on the same subject, said Senate bill being.

S. B. No. 108, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for Statewide tick eradication throughout the State of Texas, and to provide for the expenses of conducting the work in the several counties; to prescribe penalties for violation of this act and to provide process to compel compliance by the commissioners courts and the members thereof with the provisions of this act, and of orders and regulations of the State of Texas Live Stock Sanitary Commission, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Metcalfe offered the following (committee) amendment to the bill:

Amend committee substitute to Senate bill No. 108, Section 7, line 7, after the word "ordered" by striking out the words "to be" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "and."

The (committee) amendment was adopted.

Mr. Metcalfe offered the following (committee) amendment to the bill:

Amend committee substitute to Senate bill No. 108 by striking out in Section 7, beginning after the word "seventy-five" in line 4, the following: "Resident land owners to order an election called for the purpose of determining," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "or more property tax paying voters to order an election to determine."

(Mr. Spencer of Wise in the chair.)

Mr. Canales moved to table the (committee) amendment, and the motion to table was lost.

Question recurring on the (committee) amendment, yeas and nays were demanded.

The (committee) amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—58.

Baker.	Bell.
Beard of Milam.	Blackmon.
Beasley.	Blalock.
Bedell.	Bland.

Bledsoe.	Morris.
Boner.	Neeley.
Bryan.	Osborne.
Butler.	Parks.
Cadenhead.	Peddy.
Carlock.	Pillow.
Cope.	Roemer.
Cox.	Rogers.
Crudgington.	Sackett.
Davis of Dallas.	Sholars.
Davis of Grimes.	Smith of Bastrop.
Denton.	Smith of Hopkins.
Estes.	Smith of Scurry.
Fairchild.	Spencer of Nolan.
Hawkins.	Stewart.
Hill.	Terrell.
Lacey.	Tilson.
Lange.	Trayler.
Lee.	Upchurch.
McComb.	Walker.
McMillin.	Williams
Meador.	of Brazoria.
Metcalfe.	Wilson.
Miller of Dallas.	Woods.
Monday.	Yantis.
Moore.	

Nays—61.

Beard of Harris.	Murrell.
Beason.	Neill.
Bertram.	Nordhaus.
Brown.	O'Banion.
Burton of Rusk.	O'Brien.
Burton of Tarrant.	Poage.
Canales.	Pope.
Cates.	Raiden.
Davis	Richards.
of Van Zandt.	Robertson.
Dodd.	Russell.
Dudley.	Schlesinger.
Dunnam.	Schlosshan.
Fisher.	Scholl.
Fly.	Spradley.
Greenwood.	Strayhorn.
Haidusek.	Swope.
Hardey.	Taylor.
Harris.	Thomas.
Hartman.	Thomason
Holland.	of El Paso.
Jones.	Thompson
Laas.	of Hunt.
Lanier.	Thompson
Lindemann.	of Red River.
Lowe	Tillotson.
of McMullen.	Tschoepe.
Low	Valentine.
of Washington.	Veatch.
McCoy.	White.
McDowra.	Williams
McFarland.	of McLennan.
Mendell.	Williford.
Miller of Austin.	Woodul.

Present—Not Voting.

Hudspeth.	Spencer of Wise.
Nichols.	

Absent.

Blackburn.	Sallas.
Bryant.	Sentell.
Clark.	Seawright.
Fitzpatrick.	Templeton.
Johnson.	Thomason
Laney.	of Nacogdoches.
Reeves.	

Absent—Excused.

Bagby.	Peyton.
De Bogory.	Tinner.
Florer.	Wahrmund.
Martin.	

Mr. Low of Washington moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was lost and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Mr. Metcalfe offered the following (committee) amendment to the bill:

Amend committee substitute to Senate bill No. 108, Section 8, by inserting after the list of counties in Zone 1, after the county "Val Verde" the following: "Provided that in zone No. 1 as above established in this bill, that all counties that have heretofore by majority vote, voted to eradicate ticks, in said counties, that on and after April 1, 1917, the Live Stock Sanitary Commission of Texas shall have the power to compel any owner of cattle, horses, mules, asses or any other animal on which ticks may be, to dip said live stock under the rules and regulations of said Live Stock Sanitary Commission as provided in this act, and that all elections held prior to the taking effect of this act whereby any county in this State has by a majority vote voted to eradicate ticks, is hereby in all things declared to be a valid election and is in all things ratified."

The (committee) amendment was adopted.

Mr. Metcalfe offered the following (committee) amendment to the bill:

Amend Committee Substitute Senate bill No. 108, Section 8, Zone 3, by striking out of said zone the names of the following counties: Chambers, Harris, Hardin, Jefferson, Liberty and Orange, and placing said counties at the end of the list of counties in Zone 2, Section 8.

Mr. Metcalfe offered the following amendment to the (committee) amendment:

Amend committee amendment No. 4 by striking out "Chambers, Harris and Hardin" from the list of counties in Zone 2.

The amendment to the (committee) amendment was adopted.

The (committee) amendment as amended was adopted.

Mr. Metcalfe offered the following (committee) amendments to the bill:

(1)

Amend Committee Substitute Senate bill No. 108, Section 9, line 21, by striking out the word "March" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "January."

(2)

Amend Committee Substitute Senate bill No. 108 by correcting the misspelled word "quarantine" where it appears spelled "quarentine" wherever it appears in the bill, and inserting after the letter "r" the letter "a" instead of "e."

(3)

Amend Committee Substitute Senate bill No. 108, Section 9, line 11, by striking out the word "March" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "January."

The (committee) amendments were severally adopted.

Mr. Metcalfe offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Committee Substitute Senate bill No. 108 by adding after the last county mentioned in Zone 2 the word "Kinney."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Beard of Milam offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Committee Substitute Senate bill No. 108, Section 8, by transferring Milam county from Zone 1 to Zone 2.

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Scholl offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Committee Substitute Senate bill No. 108 by transferring "Comal" and "Hays" counties from Zone 2 to Zone 3, in Section 8.

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Fly offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Committee Substitute Senate bill No. 108, page 8, by striking from line 17, Zone 2, "Gonzales," and insert "Gonzales" after "Grimes" in line 29.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Smith of Bastrop offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Committee Substitute Senate bill No. 108, Section 8, by striking out

of Zone 2 the county of "Bastrop," and and placing said county in Zone 3.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Lee offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 108 by taking Wood county out of Zone 1 and placing it in Zone 2.

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Blalock offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend the bill by transferring Harrison county from Zone 1 to Zone 2.

Signed—Blalock, O'Banion.

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Canales moved the previous question on the passage of the bill to a third reading, and the motion was duly seconded.

The House refused to order the main question at this time.

Mr. Terrell offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 108 by transferring Cherokee county from Zone No. 1 to Zone No. 2.

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Peddy offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend by transferring Shelby county from Zone 1 to Zone 2.

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Richards offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend by taking Caldwell county out of Zone No. 2 and placing it in Zone No. 3.

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Blackburn moved that the House consider the bill further section by section.

The motion to consider section by section was lost.

Mr. Beasley offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 108 by striking out the word "Mason" where it occurs in Zone No. 2 and insert same in Zone No. 1.

Question—Shall the amendment be adopted?

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEE.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following visiting committee:

To visit Juvenile Training School and Girls' Training School: Messrs. Smith of Hopkins, Thomas, and Nordhaus.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, February 23, 1907.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate concurs in House amendments to Senate bill No. 303 by vote of 23 yeas, 0 nays.

The Senate concurs in House amendments to Senate bill No. 251 by vote of 23 yeas, 0 nays.

The Senate has passed the following bills:

S. B. No. 118, A bill to be entitled "An Act to aid the city of Paris and Lamar county in the re-establishment and rebuilding permanent improvements by donating and granting to them the State ad valorem and a part of the poll taxes and occupation taxes collected on property and from persons in said county of Lamar, for a period of five years, and to provide a penalty for their misapplication."

S. B. No. 316, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title 22, Chapter 4, Article 883, Revised Statutes of 1911 of the State of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 395, A bill to be entitled "An Act to define and construe an act approved March 16, 1907, being Chapter 26 of the Special Laws of the Thirty-first Legislature, and amendments thereto, by an act approved September 1, 1910, being Chapter 1 of Special Laws of Fourth Session of Thirty-first Legislature, 1910, authorizing the county of Galveston to build and construct a causeway and to issue bonds therefor; defining and construing the intention of said acts to be that an issue of bonds and levy of tax by said county for such purpose can be made whenever said causeway needs reconstruction in whole or in part or needs repairs; declaring the object and intent being to provide the State of Texas at all times with suitable access to the port of Galveston; and the further purpose of this act is to validate an issue to be made of six hundred thousand dollars of bonds, a second issue for construction of the causeway lost in the storm of August, 1915, that issue of bonds being under the terms and provisions of said act as amended so as to authorize the issue of said bonds in conformity with the provisions of the Constitution of this

State, including Article 3, Section 52, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 271, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Hopkins county; making the county commissioners of said county road commissioners, and prescribing the duties as such, etc.; providing for overseers or road keepers, etc.; providing for the employment of county convicts and their compensation; providing for the employment of delinquent poll taxpayers and a penalty for their failure to work on county roads of Hopkins county; providing that this act shall take the place of and repeal all other special road tax laws heretofore passed for the benefit of Hopkins county public roads, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 299, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Sinton Independent School District, known as Common School District No. 1, in San Patricio county, Texas, and including within its limits the municipal corporation of the town of Sinton; defining its boundaries, and to provide for the creating of a board of trustees thereof, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 391, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section (4) of an Act of the Thirty-second Legislature of Texas, passed at the Regular Session thereof, being 'An Act to amend the charter of the city of Gainesville by creating a Board of Water Commissioners for said city, to be appointed by said city council, and prescribing the powers and duties of such board, and declaring an emergency,' relating to the control and disposition of funds derived from the sale of water, and repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,
JOHN D. McCALL,
Secretary of the Senate.

EXCUSES REVOKED.

Mr. Cope moved that all excuses granting leaves of absence for next Tuesday, February 27, be revoked, and that the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to notify all absent members of the revocation of their excuses for that time.

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Cope moved to reconsider the vote by which the motion prevailed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

RECESS.

Mr. Murrell moved that the House recess to 2 o'clock p. m. today.

The motion prevailed, and the House, accordingly, at 12 o'clock m., took recess to 2 o'clock p. m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

SENATE BILL NO. 108 ON PASSAGE TO A THIRD READING.

(Pending Business.)

The House resumed consideration of pending business, same being Senate bill No. 108, on its passage to a third reading, with amendment by Mr. Beasley pending.

Question recurring on the amendment, it was lost.

Mr. Bertram offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 108 by adding after the word "commission" in Section 7, line 29, "and all counties voting against tick eradication shall be exempt from the provisions of this bill."

Signed—Bertram, Dunnam, Lee, Reeves.

Mr. Canales moved to table the amendment.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—90.

Baker.	Denton.
Beard of Milam.	Dudley.
Beasley.	Estes.
Beason.	Fairchild.
Bedell.	Fisher.
Bell.	Fitzpatrick.
Blackburn.	Florer.
Blackmon.	Fly.
Blalock.	Haidusek.
Bland.	Hardey.
Bledsoe.	Harris.
Boner.	Hartman.
Bryan.	Hawkins.
Burton of Rusk.	Hill.
Burton of Tarrant.	Holland.
Butler.	Hudspeth.
Canales.	Jones.
Carlock.	Laas.
Clark.	Lacey.
Cope.	Laney.
Crudgington.	Lange.
Davis.	Lanier.
of Van Zandt.	Lindemann.

Low	Scholl.
of Washington.	Smith of Bastrop.
McComb.	Smith of Scurry.
McCoy.	Spencer of Nolan.
McFarland.	Stewart.
Meador.	Strayhorn.
Mendell.	Swope.
Metcalf.	Taylor.
Miller of Austin.	Templeton.
Miller of Dallas.	Thomason
Monday.	of El Paso.
Morris.	Thompson
Neeley.	of Red River.
Nichols.	Tillotson.
O'Banion.	Tilson.
O'Brien.	Tschoepe.
Osborne.	Valentine.
Pillow.	White.
Poage.	Williams
Pope.	of Brazoria.
Raiden.	Williams
Robertson.	of McLennan.
Roemer.	Wilson.
Sackett.	Woodul.
Sallas.	Yantis.

Nays—20.

Beard of Harris.	Richards.
Bertram.	Rogers.
Brown.	Russell.
Cadenhead.	Seawright.
Cox.	Sholars.
Davis of Dallas.	Spencer of Wise.
Dodd.	Spradley.
Dunnam.	Thompson
Lee.	of Hunt.
McDowra.	Traylor.
McMillin.	Upchurch.
Murrell.	Veatch.
Neill.	Walker.
Peddy.	Williford.
Reeves.	Woods.

Present—Not Voting.

Lowe	Sentell.
of McMullen.	

Absent.

Bryant.	Schlesinger.
Cates.	Schlosshan.
Davis of Grimes.	Smith of Hopkins.
Greenwood.	Terrell.
Johnson.	Thomas.
Moore.	Thomason
Nordhaus.	of Nacogdoches.
Parks.	

Absent—Excused.

Bagby.	Peyton.
De Bogory.	Tinner.
Martin.	Wahrmund.

Mr. Dunnam moved the previous question on the passage of the bill to a third reading, and the main question was ordered.

Question then recurring on the passage of the bill to a third reading, yeas and nays were demanded.

Senate bill No. 108 was passed to a third reading by the following vote:

Yeas—94.

Baker.	McComb.
Beard of Harris.	McCoy.
Beard of Milam.	McFarland.
Beasley.	Mendell.
Beason.	Metcalf.
Bedell.	Miller of Austin.
Bell.	Miller of Dallas.
Blackmon.	Monday.
Blalock.	Morris.
Bland.	Murrell.
Bledsoe.	Neeley.
Boner.	Nichols.
Brown.	O'Banion.
Bryan.	Osborne.
Burton of Rusk.	Parks.
Burton of Tarrant.	Pillow.
Butler.	Poage.
Canales.	Pope.
Carlock.	Raiden.
Clark.	Robertson.
Cope.	Roemer.
Crudgington.	Sackett.
Davis of Dallas.	Sentell.
Davis	Schlesinger.
of Van Zandt.	Smith of Bastrop.
Denton.	Smith of Scurry.
Dodd.	Spencer of Nolan.
Dudley.	Strayhorn.
Estes.	Swope.
Fairchild.	Taylor.
Fisher.	Templeton.
Fitzpatrick.	Thomason
Florer.	of Nacogdoches.
Fly.	Thompson
Haidusek.	of Hunt.
Hardey.	Thompson
Harris.	of Red River.
Hartman.	Tillotson.
Hawkins.	Tilson.
Hill.	Traylor.
Holland.	Tschoepe.
Hudspeth.	Valentine.
Laas.	White.
Laney.	Williams
Lange.	of Brazoria.
Lanier.	Williams
Lindemann.	of McLennan.
Lowe	Wilson.
of McMullen.	Woods.
Low	Woodul.
of Washington.	Yantis.

Nays—28.

Bertram.	Lee.
Blackburn.	McDowra.
Cadenhead.	McMillin.
Dunnam.	Meador.
Lacey.	Moore.

Neill.	Seawright.
O'Brien.	Sholars.
Peddy.	Spencer of Wise.
Reeves.	Spradley.
Richards.	Stewart.
Rogers.	Terrell.
Russell.	Upchurch.
Sallas.	Walker.
Scholl.	Williford.

Present—Not Voting.

Jones.	Veatch.
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Absent.

Bryant.	Schlosshan.
Cates.	Smith of Hopkins.
Davis of Grimes.	Thomas.
Greenwood.	Thomason
Johnson.	of El Paso.

Absent—Excused.

Bagby.	Peyton.
De Bogory.	Tinner.
Martin.	Wahrmund.

Paired.

Mr. Cox (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Nordhaus (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Metcalfe moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to a third reading and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, February 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has adopted

S. C. R. No. 20, Adopting and designating the Alamo chair designed by Mrs. Rose F. Deming as the "Texas Alamo State Chair."

The Senate concurs in House amendments to Senate bill No. 235.

The Senate concurs in House amendments to Senate bill No. 225 by the vote of 29 yeas, 0 nays.

The Senate refuses to concur in House amendments to Senate bill No. 63, and asks for a conference committee. The Senate has elected on the part of the Senate the following members:

Senators Westbrook, McNealus, Johnson of Hall, Harley, Hudspeth, Gibson.

Respectfully,

G. H. BOYNTON,
Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof, and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled bills:

S. B. No. 303, "An Act amending Section 13, Chapter 4, of the Local and Special Laws of the First Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature," etc.

S. B. No. 238, "An Act to authorize cities, towns and villages, incorporated under and by virtue of any act of the Congress of the Republic of Texas, general or special, to accept the provisions of Chapters 1 to 13, both inclusive, of Title 22, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, and amendments of 1911, 1913 and 1915 thereof, upon a two-thirds vote of the city, town or village council thereof to enlarge or diminish, alter or change and redefine the bounds and limits of such cities, towns and villages so as to make them conform to the requirements of Article 777 of the Revised Statutes, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 290, "An Act to amend Section 2 of an act creating the Jourdanon Independent School District in Atascosa county, Texas, being Chapter 79 of the Thirty-second Legislature of Texas, increasing the territory of said district; to amend Section 8 of said act providing for the appointment of an assessor and collector for said district; to amend Section 23 of said act, providing for the appointment of a board of equalization, and prescribing its powers and duties; to amend Section 24 of said act regulating the time of payment of taxes, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 360, "An Act to amend the charter of the city of Longview, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Longview and to grant it a new charter; to define its powers and to prescribe its duties and liabilities, and to declare an emergency,' as passed by the First Called Session of the Thirty-second Legislature of Texas, by amending Sections 8, 9 and 72 of the charter of the city of Longview by adding thereto Section 9a, providing for the appointment of a city treasurer, fixing his salary and prescribing his powers and duties and fixing his term of office, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 149, "An Act to amend Chapter 177 of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Regular Session

of the Thirty-fourth Legislature of Texas, relating to county libraries."

S. C. R. No. 18, Inviting Hon. J. W. Bailey to address the Legislature.

S. C. R. No. 19, Inviting Hon. W. J. Bryan to address the Legislature.

HOUSE BILL NO. 373 ON ENGROSSMENT.

(Unfinished Business.)

The Speaker laid before the House, as unfinished business, on its passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 373, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the extension by the Penitentiary Commission of the railroad now owned by the State, extending from Rusk, in Cherokee county, to Palestine, in Anderson county, to the city of Dallas, in Dallas county, and for its maintenance, equipment and operation; providing for condemning the right of way and material therefor; providing for condemnation proceedings; providing for the issuance of bonds by the Penitentiary Commission in an amount sufficient for the extension of said road; providing that said Penitentiary Commission may accept donations or gifts, either in money or lands or other necessities, for the extension of said road; providing that the rate of interest of said bonds shall be 5 per cent per annum; providing for the redemption of said bonds; providing that said bonds may be purchased at the option of the State Board of Education and State Treasurer with permanent school fund of the State of Texas; providing that the Railroad Commission of Texas shall have jurisdiction over the traffic carried on and over said road, and authorizing said Commission to compel a fair division of freight and passenger charges between said railroad and all connecting lines herewith; providing that said Penitentiary Commission shall enforce and obey the orders and regulations of the Railroad Commission; providing for working State convicts in the construction of said road, and providing that this act shall be cumulative of all other laws in force in this State, and declaring an emergency,"

With amendment by Mr. Tillotson, striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of a new bill pending, the bill having been read second time on Monday, February 19.

Question recurring on the amendment by Mr. Tillotson, it was lost.

Mr. Moore moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was lost and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Mr. Cope offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend the bill by inserting at the end of Section 1 the following: "Provided, that in no event shall said railroad be sold unless a cash payment be made, at the time of such sale, equal to the face value and accrued interest of the bonds owned by the school fund of Texas; and provided further, that the proceeds derived from such sale shall be applied to the payment of the bonds so held by the school fund of Texas."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cope moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was adopted and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Mr. Woods offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Section 2 by adding after the word "Governor," where it last appears in the section, the following: "After taking into the most careful consideration the advantages offered by the section to be traversed by the proposed line of extension, the needs of such section for new or additional railroad facilities, the probable development that may be the result in such section of the said extension, the inducements that may be offered by the cities, towns and villages and the country through or near which such extended line of railroad might run and the probable returns in freight and passenger traffic to the road, having a view both to the present and the future."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Robertson offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 373 by adding at the end of Section 5 the following: "All expenses connected with the extension, equipment and operation of said railroad and telegraph and telephone lines shall be paid only from proceeds of sale of such bonds or debentures, from donations made to such railroad and from net income from operation thereof. No part of any other money belonging to the State or the Prison Commission shall be expended in connection with such construction, extension, equipment or operation nor with the purchase of right-of-way, depot grounds and buildings or other appurtenance of such railroad. If any convicts are worked thereon, the same sums shall be paid to the Prison Commission

for their labor as is paid for their labor by counties working convicts on the public roads. The Prison Commission shall pay into the treasury of such railroad for freight carried over said road for it the same sums as are charged other persons for like service. All moneys belonging to such railroad shall be kept separate from moneys of the Prison Commission and separate account thereof shall be kept."

Mr. Williams of McLennan moved the previous question on the amendment and the engrossment of the bill, and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurring on the amendment, it was adopted.

House bill No. 373 was then passed to engrossment.

Mr. Moore moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to engrossment and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SENATE BILL NO. 63.

Mr. Woods called up from the Speaker's table, for consideration at this time, the request of the Senate for a conference committee on Senate bill No. 63.

The Speaker laid the request of the Senate before the House.

Question—Shall the request be granted?

Mr. Woods moved that the request be granted.

The motion prevailed.

In accordance with the above action, the Speaker announced the appointment of the following conference committee on the part of the House.

Messrs. Burton of Tarrant, Woods, Fairchild, McCoy, McDowra and Canales.

HOUSE BILL NO. 404 ON ENGROSSMENT.

The Speaker laid before the House, as postponed business, on its passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 404, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Board of Regents of the University of Texas to issue bonds or other evidences of indebtedness secured by a lien on the income of its property; prescribing the contents and effect thereof; providing for the purpose for which the money so secured may be used; providing for suit to test validity thereof and that decision therein shall be res adjudicata. and declaring an emergency."

The bill having been read second time

on Tuesday, February 2, 1917, and Mr. Robertson at that time having offered an amendment to the bill.

Question—Shall the amendment be adopted?

Mr. Robertson then withdrew the pending amendment.

Mr. Robertson offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 404 by adding Section 9½, as follows:

"Sec. 9½. The proceeds of sale of said certificates shall be expended as herein fixed for the University of Texas at Austin or the medical branch of said University. This bill shall not affect the right of any branch of said University to any portion of the property belonging thereto after said certificates have been paid or retired. No certificate shall be issued hereunder before August 1, 1917. If the Constitution of this State shall be so amended as to divide or permit the division of the property belonging to the permanent fund of the University of Texas, and to permit said University to issue bonds secured by a lien on the lands set apart to it and such division be effected, no such certificates shall be thereafter issued or sold, and any certificates theretofore sold shall be refunded and retired by the issuance and delivery in lieu thereof of bonds secured by a lien on such lands set apart to said University; and all certificates issued hereunder shall provide for such refunding."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Robertson offered the following amendments to the bill:

(1)

Amend committee amendment to House bill No. 404 by adding to Section 4, page 5, line 34, the following: "Said certificates shall be accepted by the State Treasurer at par when tendered by any State depository as collateral security for deposits of State funds."

(2)

Amend committee amendment to House bill No. 404 by inserting the word "only" between the words "treasurer" and "to" in line 19, page 4.

(3)

Amend committee amendment to House bill No. 404, page 4, line 34, by striking out said line and substi-

tating the following: "to make leases with the approval of said Board of Regents for a period of not exceeding ten years of any land."

(4)

Amend caption of House bill No. 404 by inserting on page 4, line 8, after the word "banks" the following: "authorizing deposit thereof as collateral security by State depositories."

(5)

Amend House bill No. 404, Section 3, page 5, line 28, by adding after the word "Act" the following: "Said certificates shall not mature later than January 1, 1938, and maturity thereof shall not be extended beyond that date by refunding, substitution or otherwise."

The amendments were severally adopted.

Mr. Sackett offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 404, page 5, Section 5, as follows: Striking out Section 5, and in lieu thereof insert as follows: "Seven-tenths of all moneys derived from the sale of said bonds or certificates shall be used and are hereby appropriated for the construction and equipment of permanent buildings for the use of said University of Texas or for purchasing land for the use of said University and for no other purpose, and three-tenths of all moneys derived from the sale of said bonds or certificates shall be used and are hereby appropriated for the use of the Agricultural and Mechanical College and the Prairie View Normal and Industrial College for the construction and equipment of permanent buildings for the use of said Agricultural and Mechanical College and Prairie View Normal and Industrial College or for purchasing land for the use of said Agricultural and Mechanical College and the Prairie View Normal and Industrial College and for no other purpose."

Mr. Beard of Harris moved the previous question on the amendment and the engrossment of the bill, and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurring on the amendment, yeas and nays were demanded.

The amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—76.

Baker. Beasley.
Beard of Milam. Beason.

Bell.	Meador.
Bertram.	Metcalf.
Blackmon.	Miller of Austin.
Bledsoe.	Miller of Dallas.
Brown.	Monday.
Bryan.	Morris.
Bryant.	Murrell.
Burton of Rusk.	Neeley.
Burton of Tarrant.	Nichols.
Cadenhead.	Osborne.
Cope.	Parks.
Cox.	Pillow.
Davis of Dallas.	Pope.
Davis of Grimes.	Raiden.
Davis	Reeves.
of Van Zandt.	Russell.
Dodd.	Sackett.
Dunnam.	Sallas.
Fairchild.	Scholl.
Fisher.	Spradley.
Fitzpatrick.	Stewart.
Florer.	Swope.
Fly.	Taylor.
Hardey.	Terrell.
Harris.	Thompson
Hartman.	of Hunt.
Hill.	Thompson
Jones.	of Red River.
Laas.	Tillotson.
Lee.	Tilson.
Lindemann.	Trayler.
Lowe	Tschoepe.
of McMullen.	Veatch.
Low	Walker.
of Washington.	Williams
McComb.	of Brazoria.
McCoy.	Williford.
McFarland.	Woods.
McMillin.	Yantis.

Nays—40.

Beard of Harris.	Peddy.
Blackburn.	Richards.
Blalock.	Robertson.
Bland.	Roemer.
Butler.	Rogers.
Canales.	Sentell.
Carlock.	Schlesinger.
Clark.	Smith of Bastrop.
Crudgington.	Spencer of Nolan.
Denton.	Spencer of Wise.
Dudley.	Templeton.
Greenwood.	Thomason
Haidusek.	of El Paso.
Hawkins.	Thomason
Holland.	of Nacogdoches.
Lacey.	Upchurch.
Lange.	Valentine.
McDowra.	White.
Mendell.	Williams
Moore.	of McLennan.
Neill.	Wilson.
O'Brien.	

Absent.

Bedell.	Estes.
Cates.	Hudspeth.

Johnson.	Schlosshan.
Laney.	Seawright.
Lanier.	Smith of Hopkins.
Nordhaus.	Strayhorn.
O'Banion.	Thomas.
Poage.	Woodul.

Absent—Excused.

Bagby.	Peyton.
Boner.	Tinner.
De Bogory.	Wahrmund.
Martin.	

Paired.

Mr. Smith of Scurry (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. Sholars (absent), who would vote "nay."

Mr. Sackett moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was adopted, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Question next recurring on passage of the bill to engrossment, yeas and nays were demanded.

The House refused to pass the bill to engrossment by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Bedell.	Metcalfe.
Butler.	Miller of Austin.
Crudgington.	Miller of Dallas.
Davis of Dallas.	Monday.
Dudley.	Osborne.
Florer.	Sackett.
Greenwood.	Sholars.
Haidusek.	Thompson
Holland.	of Red River.
Lange.	Wilson.
Lindemann.	Woods.
Mendell.	

Nays—92.

Baker.	Davis
Beard of Milam.	of Van Zandt.
Beasley.	Denton.
Bell.	Dodd.
Bertram.	Dunnam.
Blackburn.	Fisher.
Blackmon.	Fitzpatrick.
Blalock.	Fly.
Bland.	Hardey.
Bledsoe.	Harris.
Brown.	Hartman.
Bryan.	Hawkins.
Bryant.	Hill.
Burton of Rusk.	Laas.
Burton of Tarrant.	Laney.
Cadenhead.	Lee.
Canales.	Lowe
Carlock.	of McMullen.
Clark.	Low
Cope.	of Washington.
Cox.	McComb.
Davis of Grimes.	McCoy.

McDowra.	Spencer of Wise.
McFarland.	Spradley.
McMillin.	Stewart.
Meador.	Swope.
Moore.	Taylor.
Morris.	Templeton.
Murrell.	Terrell.
Neeley.	Thomason
Neill.	of El Paso.
Nichols.	Thomason
O'Brien.	of Nacogdoches.
Parks.	Thompson
Peddy.	of Hunt.
Pillow.	Tillotson.
Pope.	Tilson.
Raiden.	Traylor.
Reeves.	Tschoepe.
Richards.	Valentine.
Robertson.	Veatch.
Roemer.	Walker.
Rogers.	White.
Russell.	Williams
Sentell.	of Brazoria.
Schlesinger.	Williams
Scholl.	of McLennan.
Smith of Bastrop.	Williford.
Smith of Scurry.	Woodul.
Spencer of Nolan.	Yantis.

Absent.

Beard of Harris.	Lanier.
Beason.	Nordhaus.
Cates.	Poage.
Estes.	Schlosshan.
Fairchild.	Seawright.
Hudspeth.	Smith of Hopkins.
Johnson.	Strayhorn.
Jones.	Thomas.
Lacey.	Upchurch.

Absent—Excused.

Bagby.	Peyton.
Boner.	Tinner.
De Bogory.	Wahrmund.
Martin.	

Paired.

Mr. Sallas (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. O'Banion (absent), who would vote "yea."

Reason for Vote.

I vote "no" because the bill as amended would in my opinion not be beneficial to the University of Texas.

ROBERTSON.

Mr. Baker of Hood moved to reconsider the vote by which the House refused to pass the bill to engrossment, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, February 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bills:

H. B. No. 2, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish a State Highway Department, creating a State Highway Commission and the office of State Highway Engineer; prescribing the duties of the members of the Commission and of the Engineer, and fixing the compensation of each, and declaring an emergency," with amendments.

H. B. No. 3, A bill to be entitled "An Act expressing the assent of the State of Texas to the provisions of an act of the Sixty-fourth Congress of the United States, approved July 11, 1916, providing for Federal aid in the construction of post roads in the States of the Union; authorizing the Texas Highway Commission to enter into all agreements and comply with all requirements necessary to co-operation with the United States Secretary of Agriculture in the administration of the said Act of Congress, and declaring an emergency."

The Senate concurs in the House amendments to Senate bill No. 330.

Respectfully,
JOHN D. McCALL,
Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE BILL NO. 2 WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS.

Mr. Tillotson called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendments, for consideration of the amendments,

H. B. No. 2, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish a State Highway Department, creating a State Highway Commission and the office of State Highway Engineer; prescribing the duties of the members of the Commission and of the Engineer, and fixing the compensation of each; prescribing reciprocal duties for the Commission and for the commissioners courts; directing the Commission to plan and adopt a comprehensive system of State highways, and to promote the construction thereof by co-operation with the counties and by the Commission; authorizing a policy of State aid to counties in road

construction, and to the inauguration of a plan of rewards to the counties for the construction of the more durable types of highways; directing co-operation of the department with the Federal government in the utilization of any funds appropriated by Congress in aid of road construction in this State; authorizing the working of State prisoners on State highways under conditions that may be agreed upon by the Highway Commission and the Prison Commission and approved by the government; providing for the support of the department by State registration of all motor vehicles and motorcycles, and for the distribution to the counties of a part of the moneys received from such registration fees; providing for the furnishing of identification numbers to motor vehicles and motorcycles and prescribing penalties for the violation of the provision for registration and identification of such vehicle; making an appropriation to inaugurate the work of the department as provided in this act, and declaring an emergency."

Mr. Tillotson moved that the House do not concur in the Senate amendments, and that a Free Conference Committee be requested to adjust the differences between the two houses on the bill.

Mr. Cope moved that further consideration of the Senate amendments be postponed until tomorrow and that the Senate amendments be printed in the Journal.

Mr. Bertram moved the previous question on the pending motions, and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurring on the motion of Mr. Cope, it prevailed.

Mr. Cope moved to reconsider the vote by which the motion prevailed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Senate Amendments to House Bill No. 2.

(1)

Amend the bill, Section 2, by striking out the words beginning with the word "the" in line 28, page 2, down to and including the word "Commission," in line 32, page 2, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "The Board of State Highway Commissioners hereinbefore referred to as the State Highway Commission shall consist of five members, citizens of the State of Texas, three of whom shall be appointed by the Governor by and with the consent of the

Senate. A professor in Civil Engineering Department of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas to be designated by the Board of Directors of said College, and a professor in the Civil Engineering Department of the University of Texas, to be designated by the Board of Regents of said University, shall be members ex-officio. The three members of the State Highway Commission to be appointed by the Governor, shall be selected within sixty days after this act becomes effective."

(2)

Amend the bill, Section 3, by striking out the words beginning with the word "who" in line 12, page 3, down to and including the word "other" in line 20, page 3, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "The duties of the."

(3)

Amend the bill, Section 3, by striking out the words "be allowed actual and necessary traveling" in line 31, page 3, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "receive no salaries as such, but shall be allowed actual and necessary traveling and other."

(4)

Amend the bill, Section 3, by striking out the word "two" in line 1, page 4, and insert in lieu thereof the word "three."

(5)

Amend the bill, Section 4, by striking out the words beginning with the words "the chairman" in line 11, page 4, down to and including the figures "(\$15,000)" in line 14, page 4, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "in the sum of five thousand (\$5000)."

(6)

Amend the printed bill, page 5, line 1, by changing the period after the word "act" to a semicolon, and adding the following: "Provided further that said report shall contain an itemized statement of all moneys received and from what source, together with an itemized statement of all moneys paid out and for what purpose; and provided further that the reports provided for herein shall be treated as public documents and shall be open to inspection by the people of this State."

(7)

Amend the bill, Section 7, by striking out the word "commission" in line 9,

page 5, and insert in lieu thereof the word "department."

(8)

Amend the bill, Section 8, by striking out the words beginning with the word "may" in line 11, page 6, down to and including the word "maintenance" in line 14, page 6, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "shall examine into the fitness of the engineer or engineers employed by said county, road district or municipality in accordance with the rules hereinbefore mentioned."

(9)

Amend the bill, Section 10, by inserting between the words "connection" and "the" in line 20, page 7, the following: "And the Commission shall be empowered to deduct the expense thereof from the allotments of funds to such county or counties to accrue from registration fees of motor vehicles as hereinafter provided for in Section 23 of this act."

(10)

Amend the bill, Section 11, by striking out the words beginning with the word "provided" in line 6, page 8, to and including the word "engineer" in line 13, page 8.

(11)

Amend the bill, Section 12, by striking out the words beginning with the words "in counties" in line 31, page 8, to and including the word "year" in line 7, page 9.

(12)

Amend the bill, Section 12, by striking out the words beginning with the words "to encourage" in line 13, page 9, to and including the word "act" in line 23, page 9.

(13)

Amend the bill, Section 13, by striking out the words beginning with the words "the chairman" in line 31, page 9, to and including the word "chairman" in line 3, page 10, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "The State Highway Engineer by and with the approval of the State Highway Commission shall purchase all necessary engineering instruments and materials required in the administration of this act and."

(14)

Amend the bill, Section 16, by inserting between the word "vehicle" and "the"

in line 30, page 10, the following: "other than motor vehicles intended for commercial freight or passenger carrying uses, and carrying or intending to carry a total gross load of more than one thousand (1000) pounds per wheel."

(15)

Amend the bill, Section 16, by inserting between the figures "(\$7.50)" and the words "the term" in line 2, page 11, the following: "Motor vehicles intended for commercial, freight or passenger carrying uses, and carrying or intending to carry a total gross load of more than 1000 pounds per wheel shall be charged the following annual license fee:

Wt. in lbs. per wheel.	Fee.
1001 to 2000.....	\$20.00
2001 to 4000.....	40.00
4001 to 6000.....	60.00
6001 to 8000.....	150.00
8001 to 10,000.....	300.00

For loads greater than 10,000 pounds per wheel license fees shall be charged for each vehicle at the additional rate of \$500.00 for each 1000 pounds increase in weight, or a fraction thereof; provided, however, that no load greater than 800 pounds per inch width of tire per wheel shall in any case be permitted; and further provided that no vehicle of a total gross weight of more than fourteen tons shall be licensed by the Highway Commission.

The State highway engineer shall formulate rules for the determination of weights governing license fees established by this section; these rules may be changed, modified or increased by the State highway engineer with the consent and advice of the commission.

(16)

Amend by striking out Section 23, in the printed bill, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 23. All funds coming into the hands of the Highway Commission, derived from the registration fees hereinabove provided for, or from other sources, shall be deposited as collected with the State Treasurer to the credit of a special fund designated as "The State Highway Fund," and shall be paid out only on warrants issued by the State Comptroller's office upon vouchers drawn by the chairman of the commission, and approved by one member of the commission,

such voucher to be accompanied by itemized, sworn statements of the expenditures, except when such vouchers are for the regular salaries of the employes of the commission. The said State highway fund shall be expended by the State Highway Commission for the furtherance of public road construction and in the establishment of a system of State highways as contemplated and set forth in this act; provided, that semi-annually on the first day of September and the first day of March, respectively, beginning with September 1, 1917, one-half of the gross collections of registration fees from all motor vehicles and motorcycles and from other sources received from the several counties of the State by the State Highway Department, as provided in this act, shall be remitted to the county treasurers of the counties from which such collections were respectively made, and the funds so remitted shall constitute a special fund to be expended by the county road officials of the respective counties, in the maintenance of the public roads of such counties.

(17)

Amend the bill, Section 17, by striking out the words "or subdivision of counties," in line 4, page 12, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "subdivisions of counties or by private individuals or corporations."

(18)

Amend the bill, line 20, page 16, by adding after the word "corporation," "provided that nothing in this act shall in anywise authorize or empower any county or incorporated city or town in this State to levy and collect any occupation tax or license fees on motorcycles, automobiles or motor trucks or motor vehicles."

BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof, and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled bills:

S. B. No. 251, "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Live Oak county, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 284, "An Act creating the Barnhart Independent School District, in Irion county, Texas, and defining its boundaries, and providing for the elec-

tion of a board of trustees to manage and control a public free school within said district; naming the fiscal year as to taxes, investing said district with all powers, rights and duties of independent school districts formed for free school purposes only, and declaring an emergency."

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

S. B. No. 118, to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

S. B. No. 316, to Committee on Commerce and Manufactures.

S. B. No. 391, to Committee on Municipal Corporations.

S. B. No. 395, to Committee on Municipal Corporations.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Cope:

H. B. No. 760, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 854 of Chapter 152 of the General Laws passed by the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, 1913, to require all able-bodied male inhabitants above the age of eighteen years to work not exceeding five days in any one year upon the streets of such city, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Mr. Russell:

H. B. No. 761, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 147 of the General Laws of the State of Texas passed by the Thirty-fourth Legislature at its Regular Session, providing that tax collectors shall mail notices to owners of real estate, and providing for perfecting delinquent records of the various counties by making it optional with the commissioners court as to the filing of suit where the taxes and damages do not exceed ten dollars on any one description of land."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. O'Brien:

H. B. No. 762, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 53, Article

1121, Title 25, Chapter 2, of Texas Civil Statutes, being the act of the Thirtieth Legislature, Chapter 157, General Laws, page 299, relating to terminal railway companies."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Lange:

H. B. No. 763, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4855, Revised Statutes of Texas, providing for the exemption of certain fraternal beneficiary associations, by providing that the exemptions contained therein shall apply to organizations issuing disability benefits not exceeding one thousand dollars, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Thomason of Nacogdoches:

H. B. No. 764, A bill to be entitled "An Act to aid the Garrison Independent School District in Nacogdoches county in the rebuilding and refurnishing permanent public school buildings destroyed by fire November 17, 1916, by donating and granting to it the State ad valorem and a part of the poll taxes and occupation taxes collected on property and from persons in said Garrison Independent School District for a period of five years, and providing for the manner of collecting, disbursing and receipting for said money, and providing for a penalty for their misapplication, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Smith of Scurry:

H. B. No. 765, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Aspermont Independent School District in Stonewall county, Texas; defining its metes and bounds, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Walker and Mr. Carlock (by request):

H. B. No. 766, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for compensation by counties for animals condemned on account of tuberculosis."

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

By Mr. Poage:

H. B. No. 767, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend the caption of Chapter 41 of the Local and Special Laws of Texas, passed by the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, the same being a McLennan county road law and being Senate bill No. 360, etc."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Sallas:

H. B. No. 768, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the protection of live stock and other domestic animals from injury in Harrison county, and to prevent the unnecessary destruction of fox and other fur-bearing animals usually hunted for sport, and to prohibit the setting of any trap, snare or device for taking, snaring, trapping or catching of same, and to provide a punishment for so doing."

Referred to Committee on Stock and Stock Raising.

By Mr. Davis of Van Zandt:

H. B. No. 769, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 6 and 7 of the special road law in force in Van Zandt county, as enacted by the Thirty-third Legislature and approved March 25, 1913, etc."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Schlesinger:

H. B. No. 770, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring the commissioners court of counties whose county seat is located in a city of over fifty thousand inhabitants to provide and maintain suitable quarters for the justice of the peace of precinct No. 1 in the county courthouse of such county, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Counties.

By Mr. Bryant:

H. B. No. 771, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring district courts to remain open for the transaction of business from day to day for the entire terms provided by law; prohibiting the judges of such court from closing same before the last day of the terms as fixed by law, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

"TEXAS ALAMO STATE CHAIR."

The Speaker laid before the House, for consideration at this time, the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 20, Designating chair known as the Alamo Chair as the "Texas Alamo State Chair."

Be it resolved by the Senate of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, That,

Whereas, Mrs. Rose F. Deming has designed a beautiful chair known as the Alamo Chair; and

Whereas, She has generously agreed to designate said chair as the State of

Texas Chair free of charge to the State; and

Whereas, It is such a beautiful emblem that it should be designated, and it is therefore designated as a State Chair to be known as the Texas Alamo State Chair, and it is so ordered.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

HOUSE BILL NO. 499 ON THIRD READING.

On motion of Mr. Mendell, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 499, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 5, 6, 8, 9 and 29 of Chapter 106, General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, so that hereafter said sections of Chapter 106 shall provide in substance for fixing the salaries of the members of the State Fire Insurance Commission; to limit the expenditure of said Commission in any one year to the sum produced by an assessment of one and one-fourth per cent of the gross premiums of all fire insurance companies doing business in this State; prescribing certain duties and powers of the State Fire Insurance Commission and the members thereof with respect to the fixing and promulgating of rates of premium, investigation of fires, and correction of fire hazards, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read third time and was passed.

Mr. Mendell moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 699 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Bell, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 699, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 735, Chapter 4, Title 12, of the Revised Criminal Statutes of 1911 of the State of Texas, relating to commercial feeding stuff, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the

House, it was read second time, and was passed to engrossment.

Mr. Bell moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to engrossment and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 738 ON THIRD READING.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage.

H. B. No. 738, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Remlig Common County Line Independent School District known as Remlig Common County Line School District No. 3, Jasper county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and it was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—106.

Baker.	Harris.
Beard of Milam.	Hartman.
Beasley.	Hawkins.
Bedell.	Holland.
Bell.	Laas.
Bertram.	Laney.
Blackburn.	Lange.
Blackmon.	Lee.
Blalock.	Lindemann.
Bland.	Lowe
Brown.	of McMullen.
Bryan.	Low
Bryant.	of Washington.
Burton of Rusk.	McComb.
Burton of Tarrant.	McCoy.
Butler.	McDowra.
Cadenhead.	McMillin.
Canales.	Meador.
Carlock.	Mendell.
Cope.	Metcalf.
Cox.	Miller of Dallas.
Crudgington.	Monday.
Davis of Dallas.	Moore.
Davis of Grimes.	Morris.
Davis	Murrell.
of Van Zandt.	Neeley.
Denton.	Nichols.
Dodd.	O'Brien.
Dudley.	Parks.
Dunnam.	Peddy.
Fairchild.	Pillow.
Fisher.	Pope.
Florer.	Reeves.
Fly.	Richards.
Greenwood.	Robertson.
Haidusek.	Rogers.
Hardey.	Russell.

Sackett.	Thompson
Sentell.	of Hunt.
Schlesinger.	Thompson
Scholl.	of Red River.
Sholars.	Tillotson.
Smith of Bastrop.	Tilson.
Smith of Scurry.	Trayler.
Spencer of Nolan.	Tschoepe.
Spencer of Wise.	Valentine.
Spradley.	Wahrmond.
Stewart.	Walker.
Strayhorn.	White.
Swope.	Williams
Taylor.	of Brazoria.
Templeton.	Williams
Terrell.	of McLennan.
Thomason	Williford.
of El Paso.	Wilson.
Thomason	Woods.
of Nacogdoches.	Woodul.
	Yantis.

Absent.

Beard of Harris.	McFarland.
Beason.	Miller of Austin.
Bledsoe.	Neill.
Cates.	Nordhaus.
Clark.	O'Banion.
Estes.	Osborne.
Fitzpatrick.	Poage.
Hill.	Raiden.
Hudspeth.	Roemer.
Johnson.	Sallas.
Jones.	Smith of Hopkins.
Lacey.	Thomas.
Lanier.	Upchurch.

Absent—Excused.

Bagby.	Schlosshan.
Boner.	Seawright.
De Bogory.	Tinner.
Martin.	Veatch.
Peyton.	

HOUSE BILL NO. 53 ON ENGROSSMENT.

The Speaker laid before the House, as postponed business, on its passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 53, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the holding of primary elections in this State; providing for the nomination by political parties of candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States, electors, delegates to national conventions and national executive committee-men; providing for the nomination of candidates for United States Senator, Representatives in Congress, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and all State, district, county and precinct officers; providing dates, places and methods for holding primary elections, and designating persons to hold the same; providing

for defraying the expense of such elections; prescribing the form of ballots to be used therein, the method by which candidates may have their names printed thereon, and the order in which said names shall appear; providing regulations for holding said election, and prescribing the qualifications of voters therein; providing the method for counting the votes and making returns of said elections; providing for majority nominations of candidates, and the date and method for counting the votes and making returns of said election; providing for the holding of precinct, county, district and State conventions, and for declaring the results of all primary elections; providing methods for contesting nominations in primary elections; providing methods for enforcing the provisions of this act, repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill having been read second time on Tuesday, February 20.

Mr. Spradley moved to postpone further consideration of the bill indefinitely.

Mr. Spradley moved the previous question on the motion to postpone indefinitely, and the main question was ordered.

Mr. Thompson of Hunt moved to reconsider the vote by which the main question was ordered.

The motion to reconsider prevailed.

Question recurring on the motion for the previous question, it was lost.

Question—Shall House bill No. 53 be passed to engrossment?

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, February 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bills:

S. B. No. 82, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish a branch of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas east of the 96th meridian; providing for the location of such college, its government and control of its finances; defining its leading object and prescribing generally the nature and scope of instruction to be given; providing for the instruction of all students of such college in military science and for military discipline of all students; conferring upon the board of

directors of said college the right of eminent domain; making necessary appropriations for the location, establishment and maintenance of said college, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 389, A bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate the Calvert Independent School District, in Robertson county, Texas, for free school purposes only; defining its boundaries; divesting the city of Calvert of the control of its public free schools, and of its school property and vesting the same in said independent school district and its board of trustees; providing that all funds belonging or owing to said city schools inure to the benefit of said independent school district, and that all contracts made by the board of trustees of said city schools shall be carried out by the board of trustees of said independent school district, but that said district shall never be liable for any indebtedness of said city; providing for a board of trustees for said district, and describing the rights, powers and duties of said Calvert Independent School District, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

JOHN D. McCALL,

Secretary of the Senate.

RECESS.

Mr. Cope moved that the House adjourn until 9:30 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Mr. Dudley moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Mr. Blalock moved that the House recess until 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

The motion of Mr. Blalock prevailed, and the House, accordingly, at 5:45 o'clock p. m., took recess until 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO VISIT PRISON FARMS.

Austin, Texas, February 21, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: We, your committee, selected out of the Penitentiary Committee, to visit the State prison farms of the penitentiary system, respectfully report as follows:

We, the five members of the committee, selected to visit the prison farms on

Saturday, the tenth, and Sunday, the eleventh of February, nineteen hundred and seventeen.

On said dates we visited the Harlem State farm, the Imperial State farm, and the Blue Ridge Leased farm and the Clemens State farm.

The first three mentioned herein being located in Fort Bend county, Texas, and the last mentioned being located in Brazoria county, Texas. We find all of these farms in a high state of cultivation, far in advance of what we expected for this season of the year, everything seemed to be in good shape, and some of the farms had several hundred acres of corn planted and the cotton and cane land in the very best of condition. We found the stock on these farms to be in fairly good shape. We also found the prisoners located thereon to be in very good condition, and seemingly well cared for and satisfied, with the exception as all prisoners they wanted pardons as usual. We found very little sickness among the prisoners and no serious cases. All of the prison camps were in fairly good condition, comfortably heated and very well ventilated buildings, for prisoners with baths and other sanitary arrangements therein with very good arranged hospital buildings, connected with the prison building, for the use of the sick, with a sufficient supply of medicines on hand.

The buildings being all frame structures, seemed to be in fairly good shape, considering the location and the length of time that some of them have been constructed.

The prisoners seemed to be very well fed, and clothed and supplied with the necessities of life such as prison fare. We find that the total of prisoners confined in the State penitentiaries of this State on February 13, 1917, is 3903, divided up as follows:

Huntsville	533
Rusk	112
Harlem	413
Clemens	425
Imperial	363
Ramsey	401
Wynne	131
N. A. Shaw	154
Camp Goree (women)	95
Asylum (in prison)	10
Eastham	435
Jim Ferguson	114
Westbrook	104
Bassett Blakeley	134

Retrieve	89
John D. Rogers	144
Blue Ridge	203
Bradshaw	42
Total	3903

The Harlem farm has in cultivation six thousand six hundred and fifty acres, as follows:

Cotton	5000 acres
Cane	400 acres
Corn	1000 acres
Oats and garden	250 acres

Live Stock.

Mules	284
Horses	52
Dairy cattle	78
Hogs	281

and the other farms as follows:

Clemens State Farm.

Brazoria county, near Brazoria, Texas. Works 446 Mexican and negro convicts.

Acres in farm	8,212
Acres in cultivation	5,550

Crop apportionment for 1917:

Cane	1,100
Cotton	3,000
Corn	1,400
Garden, etc.	50
	5,550

Live Stock.

Cattle, dairy and stock	150
Mules	229
Horses	49
Hogs, all kinds	361

Imperial State Farm.

Fort Bend county, near Sartartia, Texas. Works 362 Mexican and white convicts.

Acres in farm (State owned)	5,303
Acres in cultivation (including leases)	5,600

Crop apportionment for 1917:

Cotton	4,000
Corn	1,400
Garden, etc.	200
	5,600

Live Stock.

Mules	283
Horses	49
Cattle (all kinds)	203
Hogs (all kinds)	498

Ramsey State Farm.

Near Otey, Texas. Works 401 negro convicts.

Acres in farm (State owned).....7,762
 Acres in cultivation (including
 leases)7,200

Crop apportionment for 1917:

Cotton2,700
 Corn2,700
 Cane1,700
 Garden, oats, etc..... 100
 ————— 7,200

Live Stock.

Mules 243
 Horses 63
 Hogs (all kinds)..... 638
 Cattle (all kinds)..... 224

Blue Ridge Farm.

Fort Bend county, near Missouri City,
 Texas. Works 203 negro convicts.

This is a leased farm of 5000 acres,
 all in cultivation and practically all in
 cotton. Prairie land.

Live Stock.

Hogs149

(The owner of this farm furnishes
 horses and mules.)

We have been informed by the Prison
 Commissioners that they have now con-
 fined within the prison walls at Hunts-
 ville ten insane prisoners, and there is
 no law to try a prisoner who becomes
 insane while confined in the penitenti-
 ary serving a term and transfer him
 to the insane asylum of the State; and,
 also, when a prisoner becomes insane
 before his time expires in the peniten-
 tiary, Prison Commissioners have no au-
 thority under the law to discharge such
 prisoner, but have to keep him confined
 and have him tried for lunacy, as in
 other cases, but he remains confined in
 the penitentiary in what is known as
 the asylum building, and cannot trans-
 fer him to the asylum. This building
 is also used for other purposes, and
 the surroundings are not such that in-
 sane prisoners should be confined there-
 in, and the law ought to be amended
 so that these insane prisoners could be
 transferred to one of the insane asy-
 lums of the State for treatment; and,
 also, the law ought to be amended so,
 when a prisoner becomes insane while
 confined in the penitentiary before the
 expiration of his term of imprisonment,
 that he might be tried for insanity,
 and, if adjudged insane by the proper
 court, that the Prison Commissioners,
 upon approval of the Governor of the
 State, should immediately transfer such

insane prisoner to the insane asylum of
 the State for proper treatment. While
 the insane prisoners are treated at
 Huntsville, under the present system the
 best they can, yet, at the same time,
 the penitentiary is not a suitable and
 proper place to keep them, and the sur-
 roundings are not such that insane
 prisoners should remain continuously
 confined therein, for the best interest
 of such persons, and there ought to be
 some legislation to remedy such condi-
 tions, and it ought to be passed at this
 session.

This committee of five only visited the
 farms and did not visit the penitentiaries
 proper at Huntsville and Rusk. Hence
 we made no investigation as to the sys-
 tem of bookkeeping now used by the pris-
 on system. However, we recommend that
 the following system be put in practice:
 That every article sold off of these farms
 and said prison shall be kept in a book by
 said penitentiary bookkeeper, and that
 every article sold shall be itemized to
 whom sold and price received and paid to
 the State Treasurer by a warrant, and
 that the Penitentiary Commissioners shall
 check on the State Treasurer for all mon-
 eys used in any and all branches of the
 penitentiary system; said check shall be
 o. k. by the Comptroller.

We further recommend that on account
 of the machinery and many tools located
 on these farms which some of them are
 exposed to the weather, that suitable sheds
 be built on each farm for the protection
 of these tools and machinery from the
 ravages of the weather.

We believe that it was a mistake in the
 management of the penitentiary system
 by adopting the constitutional amend-
 ment and placing the management and
 control in the hands of a commission com-
 posed of three men instead of one man,
 as it is the opinion of this committee that
 one man charged with the whole responsi-
 bility and required to make quarterly
 statements through the press as to the
 management, control and the financial
 conditions of the system. The results
 would be far better and more beneficial
 than under the present commission sys-
 tem.

The penitentiary system is now on a
 self-sustaining basis and from the present
 and future prospects it should not only
 be self-sustaining but a money-making
 proposition, provided they do not have

excessive overflows or storms to damage the crops.

Respectfully submitted,

SHOLARS.

STEWART.

HOLLAND.

RAIDEN.

SCHLESINGER.

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 21, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House bill No. 637, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Thomason of Nacogdoches has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

PEYTON, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND BANKING.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was referred House bill No. 628, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

FAIRCHILD, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 36, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

TERRELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was re-

ferred House Joint Resolution No. 37, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Clark has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TERRELL, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JURISPRUDENCE.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, to whom was referred House bill No. 71, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with amendment. Mr. Spradley has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

FISHER, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 750, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 708, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 234, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 377, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 304, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 748, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 268, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Boner has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Insurance, to whom was referred House bill No. 709, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Fly has

been appointed to make a full report thereon.

PILLOW, Chairman.

REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 720, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Haidusek has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

WILLIAMS of Brazoria, Vice-Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 21, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Municipal Corporations, to whom was referred House bill No. 681, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Holland has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

MENDELL, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND LAND OFFICE.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred House bill No. 383, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass, being same bill as Senate bill No. 174.

POPE, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 174, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with

amendment. Mr. Harris has been appointed to make a full report thereon.
POPE, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ROADS, BRIDGES AND FERRIES.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 736, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

LEE, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 723, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

LEE, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 740, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

LEE, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 22, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 737, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

LEE, Vice-Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REFORMS IN CIVIL PROCEDURE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 20, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in

Civil Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 719, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. O'Brien has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 716, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend the present Runnels County Special Road Law in raising the salaries of the commissioners in said county, so that they may receive \$540 for their services for any one year, and raising the salaries for services upon the roads of said county, and prescribing the maximum that each county commissioner may receive while acting as road commissioner of said county, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 630, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 2, 8, 9, 12 and 40 of Chapter 148, Local and Special Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, same being a special road law for Fayette county, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 636, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a more efficient road system for Wichita county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 715, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Lampasas county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 638, A bill to be entitled "An Act to reorganize the First Judicial District to be composed of the counties of San Augustine, Sabine, Newton, Jasper and Orange; fixing the time for holding court therein, and after July 1, 1917, continuing the times of holding court therein as now provided by law until July 1, 1917; to validate process, bonds, recognizances heretofore issued or taken in the courts of said district, and to preserve and validate all judgments rendered or to be rendered in the courts in said district prior

to July 1, 1917, and declaring an emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.

RUSSELL, Vice-Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 23, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 7, "An Act amend Article 7805 of Chapter 1 of Title 130 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, relating to the issuance of permits to foreign corporations, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find its correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY.

(Continued.)

(Saturday, February 24, 1917.)

The House met at 9 o'clock a. m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

HOUSE BILL NO. 53 ON ENGROSSMENT.

The House resumed consideration of pending business, same being House bill No. 53, amending the election laws, on its passage to engrossment, with motion by Mr. Spradley to postpone further consideration of the bill indefinitely pending.

Pending consideration of the bill, Mr. Spencer of Wise occupied the chair temporarily.

Mr. Roemer moved the previous question on the motion to postpone indefinitely, and the main question was ordered.

Question then recurring on the motion to postpone indefinitely, yeas and nays were demanded.

The motion to postpone indefinitely prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—57.

Beard of Harris.	Burton of Tarrant.
Bell.	Cadenhead.
Blackmon.	Canales.
Bland.	Carlock.
Brown.	Clark.

Cox.	O'Brien.
Davis of Grimes.	Parks.
Dunnam.	Pillow.
Estes.	Pope.
Fitzpatrick.	Raiden.
Florer.	Robertson.
Greenwood.	Roemer.
Haidusek.	Sallas.
Hardey.	Scholl.
Harris.	Sholars.
Hartman.	Spencer of Nolan.
Holland.	Spradley.
Jones.	Swope.
Laas.	Taylor.
Lange.	Templeton.
Lanier.	Thompson
Lindemann.	of Red River.
Low	Tillotson.
of Washington.	Tschoepe.
McDowra.	Upchurch.
Martin.	Valentine.
Metcalf.	White.
Miller of Austin.	Williams
Moore.	of McLennan.
Morris.	Woodul.

Nays—37.

Baker.	Meador.
Beard of Milam.	Murrell.
Bedell.	Neill.
Bertram.	Nichols.
Burton of Rusk.	Peddy.
Butler.	Reeves.
Cope.	Russell.
Crudgington.	Sackett.
Davis of Dallas.	Sentell.
Davis	Smith of Bastrop.
of Van Zandt.	Spencer of Wise.
Fly.	Thompson
Hawkins.	of Hunt.
Hill.	Tilson.
Johnson.	Traylor.
Lacey.	Veatch.
Lowe	Williford.
of McMullen.	Wilson.
McComb.	Woods.
McMillin.	Yantis.

Present—Not Voting.

Mr. Speaker.	Walker.
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Absent.

Beason.	Rogers.
Blackburn.	Schlesinger.
Bledsoe.	Schlosshan.
Bryant.	Smith of Hopkins.
Cates.	Smith of Scurry.
Fairchild.	Strayhorn.
Fisher.	Thomas.
Laney.	Thomason
McFarland.	of El Paso.
Mendell.	Williams
O'Banion.	of Brazoria.
Poage.	